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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT BRIEFING - MARCH 31

1. FOLLOWING Q'S AND A'S ARE EXCERPTED FROM THE MARCH 31
DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING.

2. Q: WHAT WORD DO YOU HAVE FROM ZAIRE? WHERE ARE THE
INVADERS; HOW CLOSE TO KOLWEZI?

A: NOTHING, TO REPORT TO YOU ON THE MILITARY SITUATION
IN ZAIRE.

3. Q: HOW ABOUT REFUGEES? ARE THERE STILL AMERICANS
DOWN THERE?
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A: THERE STILL ARE AMERICANS IN SHABA PROVINCE, YES.
I THINK I DID MENTION THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY THAT THE
AMERICANS IN THE INGA-SHABA COMPANY HAD BEEN EVACUATED
AND THAT, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, FOUR PRIVATE AMERICANS REMAIN
THERE--MISSIONARIES; AND THEN, OF COURSE, THERE ARE QUITE
A FEW PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS--25, I BELIEVE--SCATTERED

ABOUT SHABA ITSELF.

4. Q: WELL, CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT THE INVADERS HAVE
MOVED CLOSE TO KOLWEZI?

A: I CAN'T, NO.

5. Q: ANY RESPONSE YET TO THAT SECOND REQUEST FOR
ASSISTANCE?

A: THERE HASN'T BEEN. I THINK IN RESPONSE TO YOUR
QUESTIONS OF YESTERDAY THE ANSWERS WOULD BE THE SAME
TODAY. I CAN'T OFFER ANYTHING BEYOND YESTERDAY.

6. Q: ALSO YESTERDAY'S QUESTION ABOUT NIGERIA.
STILL NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON WHAT THEY'RE DOING?

A: NOTHING TO OFFER YOU WITH REGARD TO THE NIGERIAN
DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS.
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